GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:555
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2002
SUPREME COURT DIRECTION TO HIGH COURTS
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court of India has directed High Courts to give preference to criminal cases while disposing of the cases;

(a) if so, whether the direction has been implemented by High Courts;

(c) number of such cases pending before the High Courts in the country as on 31.3.2002; and

(b) the time by which these are likely to be disposed of?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHI)

(a)&(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) As per available information, a statement is enclosed as annexe.

(d) It is within the exclusive domain of the High Courts. However, both Government and judiciary are concerned with pendency of cases in the judiciary including pendency of cases in High Courts. The High Courts have been requested to implement the recommendations of the Malimath Committee to streamline procedure which will, inter-alia, expedite disposal of pending cases. Many of these recommendations have since been implemented by the various High Courts.

Statement in reply to part (c) of Loka Sabha Unstarred Question No. 555 for 21.11.2002

Sl No	Name of the High Court	Pendency of Criminal cases	As on
1.	Allahabad	149587	31/3/02
2.	Andhra Pradesh	10863	31/3/02
3.	Bombay	27936	30/9/02
4.	Calcutta	36433	31/3/02
5.	Delhi	17718	31/12/2001
6.	Gauhati	5629	31/12/2001
7	Gujarat	19526	31/12/2001
8.	Himachal Pradesh	4037	31/3/2002
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	1740	31/3/2002
10.	Karnataka	7417	31/3/2002
11.	Kerala	17107	31/3/2002
12.	Madhya Pradesh	46121	31/3/2002
13.	Madras	33258	31/12/2001
14.	Orissa	10598	31/3/2002
15.	Patna	17297	31/3/2002
16.	Punjab & Haryana	44487	31/3/2002
17.	Rajasthan	27718	31/12/2001
18.	Sikkim	20	31/3/2002

19. Uttaranchal 5201 31/8/2002
20. Jharkhand Not Available
21. Chhattisgarh Not Available

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